

## **DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post offices and citizenships are as stated below next to our respective names,

We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled DISTORTION CORRECTION METHOD IN OPTICAL CODE READING, the specification of which was filed on November 5, 1999 as Application Serial No. 09/435,020, the claims of which were amended on October 9, 2001 and June 18, 2003; and the drawing of which was amended on October 29, 2003

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known to any of us to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or Section 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

Priority Claimed

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and all future correspondence should be addressed to them.

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